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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Anti-War Rally

1. This memorandum is for your information.

2. At his Staff Meeting this morning, Mr. Karamessines devoted a few minutes to what we know about the anti-war rally scheduled for 24 April through the first week of May. Tom said that there was no question in the opinion of the Office of Security that a major effort will be made by those wishing to demonstrate to tie up the government during this period. He said the demonstrators plan to create traffic jams on major arteries and perhaps set fire to old trucks or trailers which they hope to bring into the area. He said it appears a determined effort will be made to bring a group of protesters to the Headquarters area. He said there has been evidence that our gates have been reconnoitered and it is possible they may try to block our gates. He emphasized that the Office of Security was looking at all aspects carefully and trying to anticipate what might occur and steps necessary to counter. He mentioned

it. Finally Tom said he did not want a lot of talk "down the line" which would generate any feeling of uneasiness or panic among the troops. He did say, however, that he felt it desirable for the Division and Staff Chiefs to have a very low-key discussion of the possibility of a disturbance during the rally, at their staff meetings.

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